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California and São Paulo Environmental Protection Agency Secretaries Sign Climate Change Agreement

(MONTREAL) – Environmental Protection Agency secretaries for California, U.S.A., and São Paulo, Brazil, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two states to identify and implement actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The MOU was signed at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Montreal.

“Climate change is a global problem that requires global solutions,” said California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Secretary Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D. “The agreement signed today makes it clear that California and our friends in São Paulo intend to play leading roles in the global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions – and to do so in a way that sustains and improves our respective economies.”

Secretary Lloyd and Jose Goldemberg, Secretary for the São Paulo Environmental Quality Technology Agency, also presented findings from the first large-scale case study on the economic impact of reducing greenhouse-gas pollution. The study, *No Reason to Wait: The Benefits of Greenhouse Gas Reduction in São Paulo and California*, details the positive economic impact of policies that dramatically reduced the per-capita emissions of greenhouse-gas pollution in both states.

The report provides real-world evidence that greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced at a profit. Examples in São Paulo include using ethanol in automotive fuel and capturing methane gas trapped in landfills to produce energy. In California, building and appliance standards have saved businesses and residents tens of billions of dollars in energy costs.

For more information about the São Paulo/California climate change MOU, visit the Cal/EPA Web site at www.calepa.ca.gov.

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